

I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the memory of this outstanding public servant and in offering our deepest condolences to his wife, Cleopatra and his three children, Donna Wynn, Stacey Carroll and Kiburi Tucker and his nine grandchildren.

ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rosa Parks, a woman who dedicated her life to changing our Nation so that all Americans would have the opportunity to experience true freedom and justice. It was her courage and steadfast resolve that launched the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and sparked the civil rights movement.

As we mourn her loss, we should recommit ourselves to stamping out injustice wherever it exists. We can best pay tribute to this remarkable woman by speaking out boldly against inequality and oppression and refusing to accept, ignore, or submit to it.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the members of Mrs. Parks' family. I hope that they can find solace in knowing that all Americans are grieving the loss of this courageous woman, who inspired generations of civil rights activists and changed the course of our Nation's history forever.

ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of the civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92. Rosa Parks is one of our country's premier civil rights advocates, who worked in the Montgomery, Alabama office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is best known for refusing to relinquish her bus seat to a white man in December 1955.

Her quiet defiance led to her arrest and sparked the movement that inspired the Civil Rights Act which banned racial discrimination in public accommodations, ending legal segregation in America. Her historic act of courage showed that it was long past time to roll back the Jim Crow era discrimination laws.

After taking her public stand for civil rights and the ensuing Montgomery bus boycott, Mrs. Parks was unable to obtain work in Alabama. In the midst of threats and harassment, she and her husband, Raymond Parks, moved to Detroit, MI in 1957. Mrs. Parks worked as an aide in Rep. John Conyers' Detroit office from 1965 until retiring September 30, 1988.

Upon her retirement, Mrs. Parks said she sought to dedicate more time to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, founded in 1987. The Institute is committed to developing leadership among Detroit's young people and initiating them into the struggle for civil rights. Mrs. Parks continued

to be a leader within her community and a symbol of freedom for all Americans up to her death.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks' lifetime work and fight for the civil rights for African-Americans has not gone unnoticed in the last decade. Mrs. Parks was awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton and the Congressional Gold Medal. Rosa Parks not only stood up for herself but for generations of African-Americans. Mrs. Parks will and shall forever remain an inspiration to those who are fighting for freedom and her legacy will remain iconic for the civil rights movement.

STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS INSPIRATION ROSA PARKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of civil rights icon, Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks served us all as a shining example of courage, strength and dignity for the whole of her 92 years and through some of the darkest points in our nation's history. An acknowledgement of her life and her passing on Monday, October 24, 2005 is in order.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks quietly insisted upon the actions demanded by the most self-evident of truths: that she be recognized and respected as an equal. An equal to every other human being and every other citizen in the State of Alabama and the United States of America. On a day when she had worked as hard as anyone else, Rosa Parks insisted that she be recognized and respected as a human being, and quietly demanded to keep her seat.

The simplicity of her refusal to give up her seat on a public bus to a White passenger crystallized the pain of a nation and sparked a Movement. From that day on, African-Americans would be civilly disobedient. We would use non-violence to quietly demand in the most respectful way possible that we receive the respect that had been denied to us. Mrs. Parks inspired a Civil Rights Movement that empowered African-Americans politically, socially and personally. She was our inspiration to walk together until the economic, cultural, historical and political importance of African-Americans as Americans would be recognized. Mrs. Parks inspired the first steps in the next chapter of our national journey. . .and we continue to walk together today.

As we remember Rosa Parks, we must remember the trials and sacrifices for which she and so many others tirelessly fought. We must honor her memory by continuing the fight. The fight for justice. The fight for equality. The fight to be recognized first and foremost and in all situations as human beings. We are saddened by her passing, but she will live on in our memories and our actions.

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACARON'S SOOPER MARKET

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th anniversary of Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market also plays a significant role in the history of Springer. Originally known as the Springer Confectionery Store, Joseph and Lillie Macaron purchased the establishment in 1920 and reopened the business in October as the Macaron's Sooper Market.

In the thirties, more modern times necessitated the move to a newly constructed, larger building not far from the original location. The store was expanded again in the sixties to become the Macaron's Sooper Market we know today.

The legacy continues as Fred, Betty, Gary and Marilyn Macaron, descendants of the store founders, carry on the family business and decades-long tradition. Macaron's Sooper Market is an enduring and historic feather of Springer and a staple of the Northern New Mexico small business community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering congratulations to the Macaron family as they celebrate 85 years in business. Family-owned small businesses like Macaron's Sooper Market are the heart of Northeastern New Mexico's economy.

HONORING ROSA PARKS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rosa Parks and her immense contribution to the struggle for human rights and the betterment of American society. Rosa died in her Detroit, Michigan, home on Monday, October 24, 2005, at age 92. Although saddened by this great loss, I cannot help but have great admiration for the courageous woman who kept her seat in a time of injustice. Known as the "mother of civil rights," Rosa unrelentingly devoted her life to guarantee equal rights to all Americans.

Rosa, clothed with determination, refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus 50 years ago and injected life and energy into the Civil Rights Movement. Rosa's actions